



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00-713-i13)**

In re Application of: )  
Chad A. Mirkin, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/975,384 )      Examiner: J. Riley  
Filed: October 11, 2001 )      Art Unit: 1637  
For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING )      Confirmation no. 9813  
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THERETO AND USES THEREFOR )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated November 17, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.